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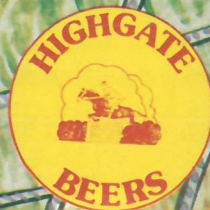


Bolton Wanderers



CANON LEAGUE
DIVISION THREE
TUESDAY
MARCH 19th.
1985
Kick Off 7.30pm.

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CANON LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

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Bradford City	33	21	6	6	54	29	69
Hull City	33	17	10	6	53	34	61
Gillingham	31	18	5	8	53	43	59
Millwall	30	17	7	6	49	28	58
Bristol City	33	17	8	10	56	38	57
Rotherham	33	15	8	10	46	40	53
Bristol Rovers	32	15	7	10	47	38	52
Bournemouth	35	15	7	13	40	35	52
Walsall	30	14	9	7	44	33	51
Reading	30	15	8	9	51	41	51
York City	33	15	5	13	55	42	50
Derby County	33	14	7	12	49	43	49
Doncaster	33	13	7	13	54	50	46
Newport	31	10	9	12	39	42	39
Plymouth	32	10	9	13	45	50	39
Lincoln City	31	9	11	11	39	35	38
Wigan Ath.	32	9	11	12	35	43	38
Brentford	32	10	8	14	39	48	38
Bolton	34	11	4	19	47	53	37
Burnley	32	8	8	16	45	52	32
Orient	33	8	7	18	37	59	31
Preston	33	9	4	20	37	74	31
Swansea City	33	6	8	19	33	63	26
Cambridge	32	3	7	22	30	66	16

Up-front

with Don Stanton

SADDLERS' SUNDAY WIN.

A shock arrived at the club just after 11.00am on Saturday morning when the game at Wigan was called off, with every week taken up with two games the thoughts as when the game could be played loomed a problem, however, the match was quickly re-arranged for the following day and we are thankful that so many of our supporters were able to travel. To those who did make the journey on Saturday, we are sorry, but as you know it was out of our control, and even the T.V. companies did not announce that the match was off.

The result was good for the Saddlers, but we did collect a number of injuries and at the time of writing the outcome of these are not known. The picture below shows Mark Rees - with yet another left footed drive - scoring our first goal on Sunday.

RESERVES IN FORM.

To those who did not travel it enabled them to visit Fellows Park for an Intermediate League game, when our young side shared six goals with Coventry City. After being 1-3 down it was a great effort to pull back the two goals. Mark Jones (2) and Clive Oscar were the goal scorers.

Mark Jones was also on the score-sheet in the Reserves game against a very strong Wolves side at Molineux the previous week when the ran out 2-1 winners, the other goal coming from Brian Palgrave.

TONIGHT'S REFEREE DON SHAW from Sandbach.

No stranger to either club, we welcome Don Shaw to Fellows Park tonight and hope that he has his usual enjoyable game.

Married with two daughters, Don is manager of a Youth Training Scheme. He commenced refereeing just over twenty year ago and progressed through

TURNSTILE OPERATORS AND STEWARDS REQUIRED.

The club require a number of Turnstile Operators and Stewards for First Team match days. Applicants, who must be over 18-years old should apply in writing to:-

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the Crewe, Mid-Cheshire and Northern Premier Leagues to the Football League. He has refereed several of his local cup finals and the 1983 F.A. Youth Cup semi finals. Lined in U.E.F.A., F.A. Cup semi-final and Charity Shield games, and if this game had have been played on the original date we would not have had the pleasure of his company as that evening he was refereeing the Milk Cup semi-final in Sunderland.

He is secretary of a sportsman's society in his home town and enjoys wine making, no doubt the sampling also, together with gardening and music.

ANOTHER NEW SIGNING BY STEVE JOSEBURY.

Pictured above inbetween secretary John Westmancoat and Steve Josebury is the club's latest signing, Abdul Shahed, who has joined us on Associated School-boy forms. Abdul, a local lad who lives very near to Fellows Park, plays for Walsall Pegasus and the Walsall Schools under 14-year-old side.

The Youth team, playing in the Walsall Minor League on Sunday's are still unbeaten in the league, although they had a set back two weeks ago when they lost in the Buller Cup semi-final.

They have however reached the semi-final of the Staffs

Youth F.A. Cup and are at present awaiting the result of the Kidsgrove v Aztec Stoke on Trent game to know who they will be entertaining in this April game

CANON LEAGUE DIVISION

	gates to date		
	Highest	Lowest	Average
Derby County	16,113	9,157	11,318
Bristol City	18,672	6,557	8,723
Hull City	14,752	5,328	7,470
Bradford City	14,396	3,514	6,345
York City	10,948	2,921	5,986
Millwall	9,011	4,009	5,626
Bristol Rovers	7,862	3,953	5,208
Walsall	9,753	4,382	5,147
Rotherham	9,122	3,426	5,049
Plymouth	6,946	3,675	5,028
Bolton	6,491	3,876	4,876
Gillingham	7,140	3,452	4,621
Burnley	7,060	2,772	4,445
Doncaster	10,000	2,338	4,300
Bournemouth	7,794	2,715	3,989
Swansea	5,660	2,648	3,975
Brentford	5,254	3,207	3,883
Reading	5,423	2,479	3,787
Wigan	8,871	2,221	3,485
Preston	5,478	2,808	3,636
Lincoln City	5,893	1,869	2,710
Newport	5,008	1,591	2,673
Orient	4,396	2,004	2,578
Cambridge	3,424	1,622	2,327

COVER PICTURE.

Bolton Wanderers F.C. Season 1984/5.

Back Row - left to right.

Peter Valentine; Jimmy Phillips;

Mark Cane; Erry McElhinney *now with*

Plymouth Argyle; Neil Berry *now with*

Hibernian; Paul Booth; George Oghani.

Centre - left to right.

Walter Joyce (Coach); Brian Borrowes;

Steve Thompson; Tony Caldwell;

Simon Farnworth; John Platt;

Ray Deakin; Paul Lodge; Warren Joyce;

Peter Nightingale (Physio).

Front Row - left to right.

Wayne Foster; Charles Wright-*Manager*

Jeff Chandler; Simon Rudge;

Steve Saunders;

John McGovern-*former Manager*;

Graham Bell.

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Big Match Programmes

A review of our Greatest Games

October 7th., 1972 saw Bolton Wanderers coming here at a time when we were topping Division Three and they were just a point behind. We had kicked off with five successive home wins and there was plenty of confidence in our opening attacks that gained their reward after just three minutes with an unstoppable volley by Bobby Shinton from Chris Jones's cross. With 15 minutes gone Chris was crossing perfectly again for Brian Taylor's header to hit a post and bob along the line when Johnny Woodward just managed to prod the ball home. It seemed the game was won when close on half-time Chris Jones capped what was easily his best game in our

colours by swerving the ball round the advancing Barry Siddall after being put clear by Johnny Woodward.

Wanderers didn't accept defeat, however, and with Roy Greaves on as substitute for Warwick Rimmer, who had been concussed by a power drive hitting him in the face they hit back, Greaves himself reduced the arrears after 66 minutes when his fierce shot took a cruel deflection off Stan Bennett and then after some excellent saves by Bob Wesson, defender Paul Jones made it 3-2 with just six minutes to go and set up a grandstand finish in which we just managed to hold out.

7,631 were here to see this game that brought credit to both teams and we went on to make it eight home wins in a row before, not for the first time we lost our momentum and ended up in seventeenth place in Division Three while Bolton went up as champions.

Geoff Allman.

introducing our visitors

by Geoff. Allman
to Fellows Park a club who are involved with us in the exciting contention at the top end of Division III. Now, in only their second-ever season in Division III Bolton Wanderers are showing definite signs of "doing an Aston Villa" and making this their first really big step back towards a place amongst the top clubs in the land, a place they have occupied for most of their 84 years in the Football League.

FOUNDER MEMBERS

For Wanderers were one of the 12 clubs that composed the first-ever Division I competition in 1888/9, finishing in fifth position behind Preston, Aston Villa, Wolves and Blackburn. Since then they have won the F.A. Cup on no fewer than four occasions (the most recent being in 1958) and although relegated from Division I on no fewer than 6 occasions have on the previous five occasions climbed back almost immediately.

In fact, they were in the top division until 1963/4, but two seasons ago accompanied another famous club, Blackburn Rovers, into Division III. Amongst many famous players to wear the "Trotters" colours names that readily spring to mind are TED VIZARD (Welsh international winger who played in the famous 1923 first-ever Cup Final at Wembley), NAT LOFTHOUSE (winner of 33 England caps on the Bolton staff for over 30 years as player, coach, manager for 2 spells and chief scout). Then there was JOE SMITH, whose 38 Division I goals in 1920/1 still stand as a club record and goalkeeper EDDIE HOPKINSON, who holds the club appearance record with 519 games between 1956 and 1970.

One unusual feature of Eddie's great career was that between 1957 and 1966 he played in no fewer than 9 F.A. Cup-ties for Bolton against Preston North End.

ON THE RIGHT LINES

Last season Wanderers made a bright start to their first-ever season in Division III by taking 8 points from the first 5 games and then after something of a slump Manager JIMMY ARMFIELD proved that he was on the right lines with his team-building when 26 points with his team-building when 26 points resulted from the last 20 games. As with ourselves this late run of success (which took them to a final placing of seventh) has been maintained this season and in the six games to date at Burnden Park (including one League Cup-tie) six wins

have been chalked up and only one goal has been conceded. (Oldham's RON BLAIR was the man to achieve this rare distinction—his only goal of the season to date). On their travels Wanderers have not been quite so impressive, but they did gain an outstanding 3-0 win at Blackburn and have in the last fortnight picked up a useful point at both Bristol Rovers and Halifax.

HERE TODAY

One of the most pleasing features of the current Bolton outfit is the success of the young players who have come through their junior sides to claim regular places in the first team. Prominent

amongst these are PAUL JONES, still only 19 but a commanding figure at the centre of the defence, ALAN WALDRON, brother of Burnley's Colin, now in his third season in midfield and striker GARY JONES, who exploded on the scene last season with a League Cup hat-trick against Manchester City.

Then there is DON MCALLISTER, now in his third season in the defence though still under 20, teaming up alongside PETER NICHOLSON, who at 21 has already seen service with three league clubs, moving from Carlisle to Blackpool before following Manager Jimmy Armfield to Burnden Park.

Yet there is still a fair sprinkling of experience in the side with popular goalkeeper CHARLIE WRIGHT, whom we well remember from his Carlisle and Grimsby days, recently completing 500 league appearances in a career which started with Morton and Rangers and has seen him an ever-present with Bolton since being signed from Charlton in June 1971. Not far behind is utility man, WARWICK RIMMER, now well settled in the defence after over 400 games in a variety of positions, whilst up front leading scorer this season, as last, is JOHN BYROM, who in a career that began with Blackburn has netted well over 100 goals. Then there is ROY GREAVES who after 200 appearances is now playing with great success as a deep-

lying number 9 and the line-up will probably be completed by RON PHILLIPS, who plays a similar role to our own Brian Taylor, a winger who can drop back when the state of the game demands it, and RALPH WRIGHT, a powerful striker who after rapidly moving from Norwich to Bradford to Hartlepool to Stockport now seems to have found his niche at Bolton.

from the press box

What a splendid start Walsall have made to the season, topping the Third Division again for the first time since December, 1967.

And with home gates on a bright upward trend, things are suddenly all happening again at Fellows Park as the fans discover they have something to cheer about once more after the club's lengthy spell in the doldrums.

Already the increased support is helping the Saddlers financially and for the Port Vale match a fortnight ago we had the first 8,000-plus attendance figure which the club need to guarantee a "buy, not sell" policy.

SPURRING ON

At long last the supporters are getting behind the team, spurring them on in increasing numbers with their united shouting an applause.

Higher gates over the past few home games have been readily answered by the club, with the purchase of Leeds United reserve defender John Saunders as an understudy to long-serving skipper and centre-half Stan Jones.

WALSALL

White shirts

- 1 Wesson
- 2 Gregg
- 3 Evans
- 4 Harrison
- 5 Jones, S.
- 6 Bennett
- 7 Taylor, B.
- 8 Woodward
- 9 Jones, C.
- 10 Shinton
- 11 Delany
- 12 To be named

SAUNDERS

BOLTON WANDS.

Red shirts

- 1 Siddall
- 2 Wright
- 3 Rison
- 4 McAllister
- 5 Waldron
- 6 Jones, P.
- 7 Rimmer
- 8 Byrom
- 9 Greaves
- 10 Jones, G.
- 11 Nicholson
- 12 Phillips

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Linesmen Mr. D. V. Meredith

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Mr. R. Chinn

To be named GREAVES

1972/73

Number 13
day 7 October 1972
League Div. III
BOLTON WAND.
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

SOCCER SCENE

Geoff Allman

Mark Rees's seventh goal in eight games and Richard O'Kelly's fifth in seven games gave us our third successive win at Wigan Athletic on Sunday in the game called off by snow on Saturday. This took our tally to away victories for this season to eight, which equals the number for the whole of last season and it has only been bettered by us in Division Three when we won promotion in season 1960/61. Wigan are now without a win since December and the gate of 2,221 was their lowest of the season, which was the club's first-ever game on Sunday at home. What a contrast however to the gates at Swansea City and York City who had their highest and second highest respectively and of course they both lost also to Newport and Bradford City.

There has been little joy for tonight's visitors Bolton Wanderers on their recent travels - they have failed to score in their last four league games away from home and on Saturday crashed 4-0 at Bournemouth, who have now won 15 of their last 16 home games and it was a great disappointment that only 2,715 their lowest gate of the season turned up for the Bolton game on Saturday. We shall of course be visiting Bournemouth in the third round of the Freight Rover Trophy while Bolton, who went through also will be at home against the highest scorers from the Northern Section.

Bournemouth won the trophy last season when it was known as the Associate Members Cup, beating Hull City in the final. The latter have already gone out of this season's competition to Fourth Division Mansfield Town, but they are still very much in the promotion race after a 2-1 win

at Doncaster Rovers on Saturday to inflict on Billy Bremner's lads their first defeat in six games.

Gillingham, however, did their chances of Second Division soccer for the first time ever no good at all when going down 3-1 at home to Bristol City, who are themselves still in the reckoning after three away wins in a row in the course of which former Exeter City striker Steve Neville has netted four goals.

After three successive draws our visitors next Saturday Cambridge United looked to be on their way to a win over Orient last Saturday, when our former striker Roy McDonough netted twice in the first half, but Orient came back to win 3-2 with former Southampton striker Ian Juryeff netting twice. This was Orient's first ever win at Cambridge after three defeats and a draw there.

It was in general a good day for away teams on Saturday with Derby County becoming the first team to win at Plymouth since our success

there in November. A Bobby Davison goal earned the Rams the points to end their recent run of four successive away defeats.

Very much a home side at the moment are Bristol Rovers, who are due here on Saturday week. Despite failing to score in four of their last six away games they have now won three home games in a row without conceding a goal, on Saturday beating Rotherham United 1-0 with a Paul Randall goal that leaves both clubs on the edge of the promotion race.

The Millers fans must be a little concerned, however, at their side's recent run of five games without a win. While at Reading, who beat Preston 3-0 on Saturday it was the North End's fifth away defeat in a row without scoring a goal, while at Deepdale they have kept their hopes of staying up alive with three successive wins.

Meanwhile, Wolves, who share with Preston the distinction of being one of the 12 original members of the Football League, continue to hurtle towards Division Three, crashing 3-0 at home to Oldham Athletic on Saturday to leave them without a goal in their last nine home league games.

All runs come to an end, however, as was proved on Saturday when Gary Owen got his first league goal for 13 months to earn West Bromwich Albion their first win in eight visits to Nottingham Forest and Garth Crooks got the goal that earned Spurs their first win at Liverpool since October 1910. Spurs are now unbeaten in league and cup away games since October though they have lost twice at White Hart Lane in the last fortnight.

These are difficult times for former First Division clubs from Lancashire and a 3-1 home defeat by Burnley, a 2-0 defeat at Preston and the 4-0 defeat at Bournemouth last Saturday has meant that this month Bolton have joined their above mentioned neighbours in a bottom of the table battle, with these three Lancashire clubs all in danger of their first-ever spell in Division Four. Tonight's game has the added interest of Bolton seeking their first-ever win here after two defeats and two draws on their previous four visits.

Founded as Christ Church Football Club in 1874 they were one of the twelve founder-members of the Football League in 1888. Soon they were experiencing a yo-yo existence with relegation four times and promotion four times before the outbreak of the first world war. They also reached the F.A. Cup final twice without winning the trophy.

They made up for this, however, in the twenties with three F.A. Cup wins including that remarkable first-ever final at Wembley in 1923. This was also the period of a long spell in Division One lasting from 1911 to 1933. They also enjoyed another substantial spell in Division One either side of the second world war in the course of which they reached the F.A. Cup final of 1953 (suffering cruelly from an injury to Eric Ball that made them vulnerable to the magic of Stanley Matthews when he turned a 3-1 deficit into a 4-3 win for Blackpool) and won the trophy again in 1958 against the post-Munich Manchester United.

They lost their First Division place in 1964, slipped briefly into Division Two from 1971 to 1973, climbed back into Division One for a two-season spell from 1978 to 1980 and are now back in their second season back in Division Three.

Last season they began well with three wins in their first four games including that remarkable 8-1 win over us, but after being near to the promotion race for much of the season they lost five

of their last six games and finished in tenth place.

THIS SEASON

This season they picked up only one point from their first five league games, but then hammered Plymouth 7-2 and put Second Division clubs Oldham and Shrewsbury out of the Milk Cup. They then crashed out of the competition 6-1 at Notts County and apart from a surprise win at Bristol Rovers in January their away form has been one long stream of defeats.

After four wins in a row they have also lost their touch at Burden Park recently with a goalless draw against Swansea City and defeats by Burnley (3-1) and Bristol City (4-1).

Yet they still have three of the most consistent scorers in the Division in their lineup with former Horden man **Tony Caldwell** following up his five goals against us last season with another last October. **George Oghani** (from Hyde United) also scored in that game and has been doing well in

this, his first full season, while **Jeff Chandler** (ex-Blackpool and Leeds United) is well on the way to passing last season's tally of 14 goals.

Warren Joyce, son of former Burnley player Walter Joyce, has netted twice recently from mid-field where he links up with former apprentice **Steve Thompson** and ex-Oldham, Preston and Carlisle man **Graham Bell**. In defence the men to look out for are **Mark Came** in his first season in the centre alongside **Ray Deakin** (from Port Vale two years ago) with **Brian Barrows** (ex-Everton) and **Jim Phillips**, who made his debut last season, on the flanks and **Simon Farnworth** in his second season in goal. Also pressing for a place in **Tony Evans** on loan from Wolves after previous experience with Cardiff City and Birmingham. All of which gives former goal-keeper **Charlie Wright** plenty of talent to juggle with in his efforts to steer this famous club out of the doldrums.

Geoff Allman.

Bolton Wanderers



Right, Bolton's Jeff Chandler.

Pictures from the Bolton Evening News.

SIMON FARNWORTH - Goalkeeper.

After a promising and patient apprenticeship, Simon made the most of his break into the Bolton first team last season and missed only ten games.

JOHN PLATT - Goalkeeper.

Injuries robbed the former Oldham goalkeeper of a chance of a regular place last season but John, who joined Bolton on a free transfer from Bury in the summer of 1983, brought valuable experience to the side towards the end of last season.

BRIAN BURROWS - Defender.

Player of the Year last season, the cultured former Everton full-back made a terrific impression in the Third Division. He can also play in midfield.

RAY DEAKIN - Defender.

The Bolton skipper showed great determination in regaining his place after losing his form in the middle of last season. The former Everton and Port Vale defender made 47 appearances last season.

PETER VALENTINE - Defender.

This former Huddersfield Town defender missed only four games last season and rightly earned the label of "Mr Consistency" at the heart of the Wanderers defence.

JIMMY PHILLIPS - Defender.

This Bolton youngster has made great strides in his bid for first team recognition and deserved the chance of his first full appearance against Bristol Rovers on the opening day of the season.

MARK CAME - Defender.

A hard-tackling central defender who gave up a "9 to 5" job to move into the professional game when he joined Wanderers from non-league Winsford United at the end of last season.

GEORGE OGHANI - Forward.

Another non-league signing, George switched from the wing to the position of a central striker to earn himself a second chance after former Manager John McGovern had tried to sell him back to non-league soccer in the summer, he has also scored eleven League goals so far this term.

GRAHAM BELL - Midfield.

Former manager John McGovern turned to the former Oldham and Preston man when he was looking for a touch of experience to add to his midfield last season. Graham signed on a free transfer from Carlisle United and enjoyed an unbroken 19-match run.

STEVE THOMPSON - Midfield.

The man Wanderers rely on to operate on the right hand side of midfield, the youngster, son of an ex-League player, played 45 games in Bolton colours last season.

PAUL LODGE - Midfield.

Signed from Preston North End on a free transfer in the summer, Lodge is another ex-Everton recruit to join the Bolton squad.

JEFF CHANDLER - Forward.

Jeff enjoyed his most successful season scoring 17 goals and being Bolton's only ever-present last season. A Republic of Ireland International, this former Blackpool player cost Bolton £40,000 when he signed from Leeds United in October 1981. So far this season he has netted 11 League goals.

BOLTON THROUGH THE YEARS

Bolton experimented with various colours in their early days, wearing white shirts with red spots in 1883 (allegedly to make their players look bigger) and salmon pink shirts in 1884.

At the turn of the century 'Dai' Davies played for the Welsh Rugby Union International team while with Swinton and kept goal for Wales while with Bolton Wanderers.

Bolton failed to win any of their first 22 games of season 1922/3.

Joe Smith's scoring record of 38 goals in 1920/1 for Bolton is the longest-standing scoring record in the Football League.

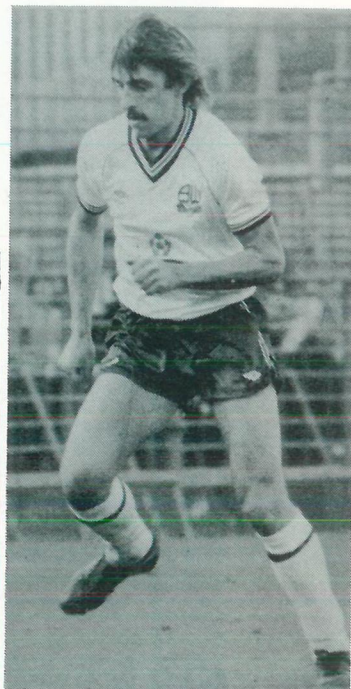
Non of the 1958 Bolton F.A. Cup winning team cost more than the £10 signing-on fee.

Bolton Wanderers have not conceded a goal in any of the four F.A. Cup finals that they have won.

Bolton were involved in the first Football League game to be shown live. It was at Blackburn on September 9th., 1960.

In 1970/1 Jimmy McIlroy Managed Bolton Wanderers for 15 days during which time they lost both games played. Later in the same season Jimmy Meadows managed them for three months during which time they lost seven times and drew three times in ten games.

Ray Parry was just 15 years 71 days old when making his debut for Bolton Wanderers at Molinieux in October 1951.



Tony Caldwell.

TONY CALDWELL - Forward.

We remember him well, as he still holds the Wanderers club record with five goals in a game, and of course that game was against us last season when the home side netted eight times to our one in September. He was still on part-time forms and still an electrician then but he is now on full-time contract and ended the season last term with 22 goals from 37 appearances, being the Wanderers leading scorer, which he is at present having scored 13 League goals to date.

WARREN JOYCE - Midfield.

Warren missed only one game in the Bolton midfield department last season. This young all-round sportsman has played County Cricket at Colts level and is a Rugby Union Schoolboy tourist.

WAYNE FOSTER - Forward.

Fast and hard-running, the former England Youth player has made more than 90 appearances in Bolton's League side.

SIMON RUDGE - Forward.

A diminutive striker with a lot of skill and an eye for goal, Simon scored nine goals in 38 games last season.

STEVE SAUNDERS - Forward.

Two operations kept Steve on the sidelines for the most part of last season but he is expected to make an impact this season as this exciting young player is rated highly by the Wanderers.

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Referees make a number of decisions in the course of a season which puzzle and often anger spectators. Most of these are, however, controversial because of an interpretation of what happened rather than because of any misapplication of the laws. Just occasionally, however, a decision arouses controversy because he makes a decision which he finds almost immediately is based on a misjudgment of what he has actually seen.

Just such a case arose in the Stoke City v Aston Villa game at the Victoria Ground on March 27th., 1965. Stoke City were leading 1-0 when in the 29th minute a shot from Alan Baker - who was of course later to join us - was fumbled by home goalkeeper Laurie Leslie. The ball bounced on if not over the line as the goalkeeper desperately grabbed it and kicked clear.

Referee J.K.Parr of Blackpool signalled a goal as Villa players leaped in delight. Stoke City players, however, drew attention to the linesman, who had been more up with play than the referee, and he was not signalling a goal. A conference took place amidst great confusion and the referee at that point decided against the goal.

But what should his decision now be as he aimed to restart the game. He had in fact stopped play initially to award a goal and so the only way to restart it was to give a dropped-ball - a bounce-up as it is commonly termed. But from where? Should it be the point that the ball had reached when he initially awarded the goal. That would have been well upfield after the goalkeeper had kicked it clear? Technically however, the game had actually been stopped when the ball was thought to have crossed the line. This might seem to be giving Villa a chance of scoring the goal which they had just, in their eyes anyway, been robbed of.

This in fact was the referee's decision, drop the ball - a bounce-up - on the goal line. Stoke City players virtually lined up along the line. Aston Villa forwards stood menacingly as near as they could get to it with Tony Hateley nearest. The referee dropped the ball, a melee ensued and the ball finally squirmed out from the mass of flailing boots and bodies for a spare Stoke City player to boot it thankfully for a corner.

Aston Villa felt rather aggrieved about it all and it seemed justice might have been done when Tony Hateley equalised in the second half. Then, however, along came Johnny Woodward, who was destined to move first to Villa and then to us, to snatch the winner for Stoke City.

Geoff Allman.

Reflections....

THIRTY YEARS AGO

We picked up another useful point from a 2-2 draw at fellow-strugglers Colchester United on March 19th., 1955 but were still at the bottom of Division Three (South) five points behind Newport and six behind Crystal Palace and Colchester.

We were without Don Dorman for this game and with George Meek recalled by Leeds United, another young winger Bobby Webb was loaned by the Eland Road club. What a splendid start Bobby made with a fine goal after just six minutes when he took a long ball from Albert McPherson, beat his fullback and cut in and scored. Then in another breakaway Bill Myerscough, deputising for Don Dorman, thundered the ball home following an indirect free kick.

With half-time approaching, however, Colchester hit back and a Mike Grice shot from a seemingly impossible angle somehow eluded Gordon Chilvers and then the same winger crossed for Peter Wright to net with a diving header. That completed the scoring, but not the thrills with two number 7's, Grice and Webb providing most of them.

COLCHESTER. Wright(G); Harrison; Elder; Fenton; Stewart; Hunt; Grice; Lennard; Plant; Daly; Wright (P).

WALSALL. Chilvers; Gutteridge; Vinal; Fereday; McPherson; Tarrant; Webb; Myerscough; Love; Crook; Morris.

Bolton meanwhile were held to a goalless draw at Burnden Park by Cardiff City in a mid-table First Division game, their team including men like Willie Moir and Ray Parry at that time.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

We put a three-point margin between ourselves and the bottom four in Division Three by winning 3-1 at Oldham on March 20th., 1965. Twice in the first six minutes Frank Gregg cleared off our goal line, but we also had our moments up front in a goalless first half.

John Harris our skipper was off the field for running repairs early in the second half and soon after his return Bob Ledger put the home side ahead, but back we came for Ken Satchwell to equalise with a fine cross shot and six minutes later Colin Taylor's persistence laid on a goal for Allan Clarke.

There were still 18 minutes to go and we maintained the initiative, making the game safe five minutes before the end when Taylor again laid on a chance, this time for Ken Hodgkinson, who netted from all of 25 yards.

OLDHAM. Bolland; Branagan; Martin; Frizzel; Williams; McCall; Ledger; Colquhoun; Jackson; Johnson; Bartley.

WALSALL. Carling; Gregg; Harris; Sissons; Bennett; Atthey; Satchwell; Clarke; Hodgkinson; McMorran; Taylor.

Attendance, 4,651.

Bolton also picked up an impressive away win, 3-2 at Dery County in Division Two with Freddy Hill, Gordon Taylor and Franny Lee on the mark as they pulled back spectacularly from a 2-0 interval deficit and jumped above the Rams into fourth place.

TEN YEARS AGO

Just three days after a runaway 5-2 win over Colchester we were held to a 1-1 draw here by Gillingham in a game between two clubs on the edge of the promotion race in Division Three. Both goals came in the second half with George Andrews on the mark for us and Peter Feely for the Gills.

WALSALL. Kearns; Fry; Harrison; Robinson; Bennett; Atthey; Taylor; Andrews; Wright; Buckley; Birch.

GILLINGHAM. Hillyard; Wiltshire; Ley; Galvin; Shipperley; Tydeman; Jacks; Gaulden; Ricahrdson; Chadwick; Feely.

Attendance, 6,390.

This game was played on March 18th., 1975 and though Bolton were without a game on that particular evening they had drawn 1-1 at Notts County on the previous Saturday thanks to a John Byrom goal.

Leeds United meanwhile reached the semi-final of the European Cup with a Billy Bremner matchwinner against Anderlecht and news came through of a proposal to raise minimum admission price for Football League games to 65p.

Geoff Allman.

Canon League Division 3 Milk Cup & F.A. Cup Fixtures	Score	ATT	Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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1 Reading..... 4 HULL CITY..... 16 Lincoln City..... HOME GAMES - Away Games All Saturday Kick Offs 3.00pm. Evening Kick Offs 7.30pm. + Substitute Used															

ANSWERS.

1. Ken Greaves.
2. Ally Brown.
3. Norwich City.
4. Bristol City.
5. Colchester, Yeovil
and Blyth Spartans.
6. Millwall and York City.
7. John Mannion.
8. Ian Greaves.
9. John Mannion.
10. Chris Thompson.

DIAMOND WORD.

1. Cap.
2. Backs.
3. Richard.
4. Chatter.
5. The Mariners.
6. Tannadice Park.
7. The County Ground.
8. Torquay United.
9. Bobby Saxton.
10. Matchdays.
11. Halfax.
12. Field (Mill).
13. Old.
14. F.A. Charity Shield
is the hidden football trophy.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Ken Grieve.
2. Ally Brown.
3. Norwich City.
4. Bristol City.
5. Colchester, Yeovil
6. Millwall and York City.
7. John Manning.
8. Ian Greaves.
9. John Manning.
10. Chris Thompson.

DIAMOND WORD.

1. Cap.
2. Backs.
3. Richard.
4. Character.
5. The Mariners.
6. Tannadice Park.
7. The County Ground.
8. Torquay United.
9. Bobby Saxton.
10. Matchdays.
11. Halifax.
12. Field (Mill).
13. Old.

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WALSALL v BOLTON WANDERERS

DIVISION TWO

1899/1900

DIVISION THREE

1971/2

1972/3

1983/4

1984/5

Home Away

2-2

0-2

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1-0

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CANON LEAGUE DIVISION THREE.

SATURDAY MARCH 23rd. 1985 - KICK OFF 3.00pm.

CAMBRIDGE UNITED

SATURDAY MARCH 30th 1985 - KICK OFF 3.00pm.

BRISTOL ROVERS

DIAMOND WORD

SOLVE THE CLUES 1 to 13 ACROSS, TO REVEAL THE HIDDEN FOOTBALL TROPHY RUNNING VERTICALLY DOWN THE CENTRE COLUMN. The first and last letters being given.

ANSWERS
ON THE PAGE
OPPOSITE.

Clues Across.

1. International Headgear (3).
2. Bets on the defenders (5).
3. Walsall's O'Kelly (7).
4. A footballer's reputation. (9).
5. Grimsby Town's nickname (3-8).
6. Dundee United's home ground (9-4).
7. Where 'The Cobblers' are at home (3-6-6).
8. Devon's seaside club (7-6).
9. He's the manager of Blackburn Rovers (5-6).
10. They are usually on Saturday's (9).
11. 'The Shaymen', Town (7).
12. This part of Mansfield's grounds is in Chesterfield (5).
13. ...Trafford (3).

QUIZ

Compiled by Geoff Allman.

1. Which postwar Bolton goalkeeper was also a well-known Lancashire cricketer?
2. Who got our last-minute goal to reduce the arrears in last season's 8-1 defeat at Bolton?
3. Apart from Bolton which team has scored 8 goals against us in a postwar Football League game?
4. Against which team had David Kelly scored three goals this season.
5. Before Telford United, which three non-league teams had reached the last 16 of the F.A. Cup since the war?
6. Which are the two Third Division teams involved in this season's fifth round of the F.A. Cup?
7. Which striker moved to us from Bolton in July 1971?
8. Who played against Bolton in the 1958 F.A. Cup final and later managed them?
9. Which goalkeeper was on loan to us in 1972/3 and then played for Bolton in 1980-82?
10. Which Walsall-born striker, now with Blackburn, was with Bolton from 1977 to 1983?

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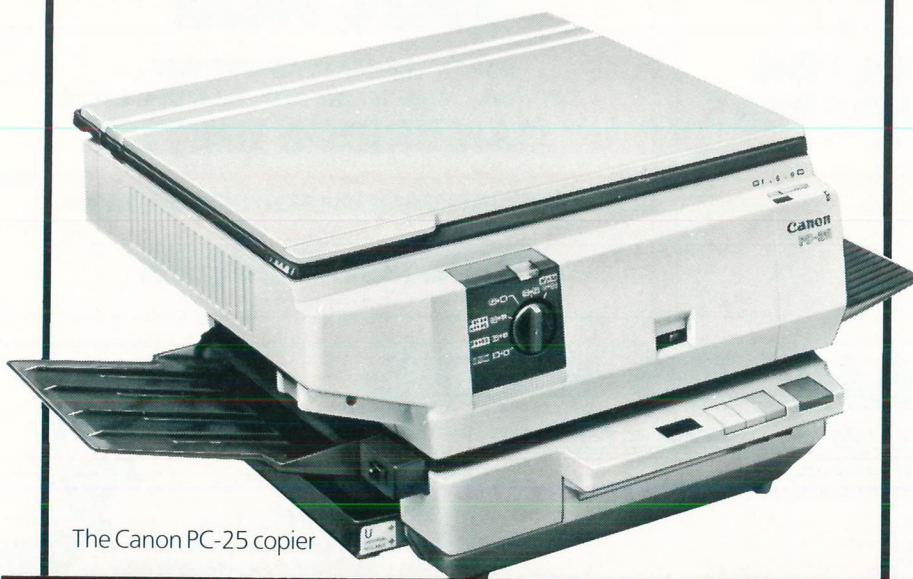
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BOB WESSON

APPEARANCES.

Football League	191
Football League Cup	7
F.A. Cup	21

TOTAL 219

Goalkeepers are traditionally amongst a club's longest-serving players and of our top twenty appearance makers no fewer than four have been goalkeepers. Jackie Lewis, Harry Wait and Mick Kearns have already been dealt with in this series and we come today to Bob Wesson, who had his problem days, but who for the majority of his time with us proved himself an agile and brave goalkeeper and enjoyed possibly his best spell just after losing his place first to Phil Parkes and then to Mark Wallington.

Born in Stockton on Tees in 1940, Bob worked as a railwayman in his teens and was on Middlesbrough's books as an amateur at one stage before signing for Coventry City in December 1958. He made his first team debut in a third Division game at Newport in March 1961 and played a full part in a 3-3 draw. He held his place until the end of that season, turning in some excellent displays.

Despite this he was in general in the shadow of first choice Arthur Lightening, but in due course Arthur moved (oddly enough to Bob's home-town club Middles-

brough and for a time tussled for first team place with the Sky Blues with David Meeson, a one-time Wolves junior. Then Bill Glazier was signed from Crystal Palace and Bob had to wait in the sidelines until coming back strongly to play throughout 1965/6 after Bill had broken a leg.

It was after Bill's return to fitness that Bob moved to us in September 1966 in time to make his debut in a 1-0 win at Darlington. In his first four games for us Bob was on the winning side each time and conceded only one goal altogether. Things did not always go so well however, and one recalls the return game with Darlington when he slipped as he went out to collect a long clearance and the ball ended up in the net.

1967/8 saw him regaining his place after losing it for a time to Keith Ball and he was the man in possession for most of 1968/9, playing in that memorable third round F.A. Cup-tie against Spurs before losing his place to the young Phil Parkes. Then after being out of the team for over year (during which he actually played

against us while on loan to Doncaster Rovers) Bob bounced back after Phil's move to Q.P.R. and was an ever-present throughout 1970/1. Then in 1971/2 he had to contend with the challenge of the young Mark Wallington. Bob lost his place, regained it after Mark broke a finger and then lost it again after being out with suspension after a scuffle at the end of the first of two tough F.A. Cup-ties with Brighton.

Back came Bob again after Mark's move to Leicester City, but this time he played for just half a season before forced out with a troublesome knee injury. His last game for us was an unhappy one, being on the wrong end of a 6-2 defeat at Grimsby Town in January 1973, this led to a remarkable situation in which we fielded no fewer than seven different goalkeepers in a season.

Bob played a few games for Burton Albion after this, figuring in the same side as Frank Gregg whom he had often played behind here, and we remember him as one of the best of many good players who have moved to us from Coventry over the years.

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IAN HANDYSIDES

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Red Shirts, White Shorts.

Line-Up

BOLTON

SIMON FARNWORTH
BRIAN BURROWS
IAN BAILEY
WARREN JOYCE
PETER VALENTINE
RAY DEAKIN
STEVE THOMPSON
SIMON RUDGE
TONY EVANS
WAYNE FOSTER
GRAHAM BELL

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White Shirts, Navy Shorts.

AUSTIN ROVER



FREIGHT ROVER

LAND-ROVER

HEWITTS GARAGES

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